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TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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FOR FADPC

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: USE OF AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY FOR AMERICAN EMPLOYEES

1. THIS CABLE DIRECTED FOR YOUR ACTION UPON SUGGESTION ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSELOR EMBASSY CANBERRA. POST WISHES TO STATE IT PREFERS SYSTEM IN EFFECT PRIOR TO FADPC ASSUMPTION OF PAYROLL RESPONSIBILITIES INSOFAR AS IT CONCERNS PAYMENT TO AMERICAN EMPLOYEES IN LOCAL CURRENCY FOR THAT PORTION THEY SO DESIGNATE TO RECEIVE AT POST.

2. UNDER PROVISIONS OF 4 FAM 572.1 EMPLOYEES CAN, AT THEIR OPTION, RECIEVE PAYMENTS IN THE CURRENCY OF THE COUNTRY WHERE EMPLOYED. SINCE LOCAL EMPLOYEES ARE PAID IN AUSTRALIAN DOLLARS ON AN AUSTRALIAN BANK, CAN SEE NO PROBLEM IN PAYING AMERICAN EMPLOYEES BY SAME METHOD.

3. THE EMBASSY'S MORE FAVORABLE RATE OF EXCHANGE FOR THE PURCHASE OF AUSTRALIAN DOLLARS IS OF SPECIFIC BENEFIT TO THE AMERICAN EMPLOYEE. TO CONVERT US DOLLARS THROUGH THE BANK WILL COST, DEPENDING ON INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES, ANYTHING FROM ONE HUNDRED TO TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS A YEAR OR MORE, AN UNREASONABLE LOSS.

4. SINCE SOME PAY STATEMENTS WERE NOT CORRECT,

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SUGGEST B&F CANBERRA SEND FULL PAYROLL DATA ON AMERICAN

EMPLOYEES FROM LAST PAY PERIOD PROCESSED IN CANBERRA PRIOR
TO BANGKOK'S ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY.
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